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Award ID: 00045059
 Award Title: Support the UNDP Programme Dev & Implementation in Jorda
 Start Year: 2006
 End Year: 2009
 Implementing Partner (Executing Agency): UNDP

Budget (US\$) as of 13-September-2006		
Donor	Fund	Amount
UNDP	11888 Country Co-Financing CS	300,000.00
Total Budget		300,000.00
Total Expenditure		0.00

Responsible Party (Implementing Agent): UNDP (Direct Execution)
 Revision Type: Project Approval

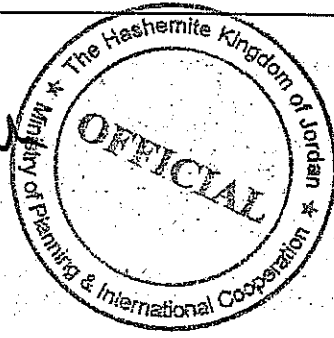
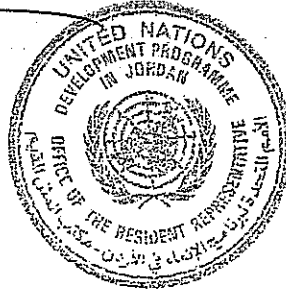
Brief Description:

Project Budget Approval.

Agreed by: *Fov* H.E. Minister of Planning and International Cooperation

Agreed by: UNDP
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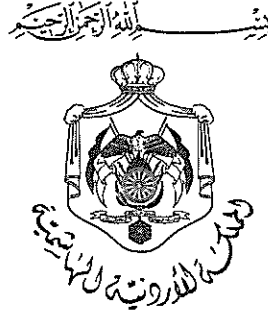
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الموافق

Mrs. Mona Hider
UNDP Resident Representative a.i.
United Nations Development Program
Amman-Jordan

Subject: Umbrella Project to Support UNDP Jordan Program Development & Implementation Project.

Dear Mrs. Hider,

With reference to your letter dated 14 September 2006, regarding the subject project, kindly find attached herewith three duly signed copies of the aforementioned project document.

Given the importance of promptly commencing with carrying out the activities as enlisted in the document, as such, I would appreciate it, if you could counter-sign the aforementioned attached copies, one of which to be returned to the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation.

Please accept my high esteem and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sharif AL-Z'ubi
Acting Minister of Planning
and International Cooperation

Maher Madadha
Secretary General

Tara M
1. Stamp with UNDP stamp
2. Return 2 original to MoPSC by official letter
3. Keep one original copy in file
4. Send 1 copy to FORMU
5. Approve in ATLAS (2)
(Pls check with Mohamad if think he approved it already)
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1 Oct 2006



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14 August 2006

Excellency,

**Subject: Umbrella Project to Support UNDP Jordan Programme
Development and Implementation.**

I have the honour to write in reference to the meeting held with Your Excellency on 9 July 2006 when I presented the findings of the UNDAF Mid-Term Review, and I am pleased to send you herewith, for your favorable consideration, a copy of the above-mentioned Project proposal which I have touched upon during our discussion.

The enclosed project's main objectives are 1) to support UNDP Jordan to enhance the capability of the Country Office in Programme development and formulation as well as in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the on-going projects; and 2) to provide key Government counterparts with highly qualified expertise needed in matters that are directly relevant to the operationalization of the National Agenda and the realization of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in Jordan. Also, the Project will contribute towards the on-going process of UNDP Country Programme development for the upcoming development cooperation programme cycle (2008-2012) in accordance with the new UNDP results based management guidelines.

The total estimated cost of the project is US\$ 300,000 to be allocated from the interest earned on UNDP's Jordan Office resources (i.e. account no. 11888). Its duration is for three years with possible extension in the future if proven successful.

I would greatly appreciate receiving your concurrence to the project proposal.

Accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest considerations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christine McNab', is positioned above the typed name.

Christine McNab
Resident Representative

H.E. Ms. Suhair Al-Ali
Minister of Planning and International Cooperation
Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation
Amman, Jordan

Umbrella Project Document

Project Title: Umbrella Project to Support the UNDP Programme Development and Implementation in Jordan

Short Title: Umbrella Project in Support of Jordan Development Programme

Source of Fund: Interest Earned on UNDP Resources account no. 11888

Country:	JORDAN
Executing Agency:	UNDP/ Direct Execution (DEX)
Government Cooperation Agency:	Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation
Government Contribution:	No contribution
Amount to be allocated:	US\$ 300,000
Duration of the Project:	September 2006 - December 2009

BACKGROUND

The funds to be provided under the umbrella project are the result of accumulated interests earned on UNDP Country Office Programme resources. The Funds will be utilized to strengthen programme identification/formulation, provide the Government counterpart (Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation) with highly qualified expertise needed for development planning and carry out critical projects' activities for which no project resources are available. The Project will support awareness creation of human development issues, coordination of new initiatives and build capacities of UNDP programme and counterparts' staff and provide required technical advice/inputs to UNDP Jordan on specific issues in line with the national priorities.

As recommended by the Country Programme Mid-Term Review exercise conducted in mid 2005, strengthening national counterparts' capacities in UNDP programming using NEX, financial procedure and reporting is essential. To this end, a number of workshops, seminars and meetings will be organized to meet these needs ultimately ensuring effective and efficient implementation of UNDP National Executed (NEX) projects in Jordan.

UNDP Country Office will be formulating the new Country Programme for Jordan during 2006-2008 based on the Common Country Assessment (CCA) document. This exercise will require the utilization of expertise to support the development of UNDP's areas of intervention in accordance with the, to be agreed upon by end 2006, United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), Results Matrix and the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan. The next UNDP Country Programme for Jordan will be prepared according to the new Results Based Management (RBM) guidelines. The new Country Programme for 2008-2012 will be reflected in the UN Country Programme Document (CPD), the Country Programme Action Plan (CPAP) and the Annual Work Plans (AWPs) with corresponding outcomes, outputs, indicators and to be achieved targets.

OVERVIEW

This umbrella project intended duration is for three years period (September 2006 – end 2009), covering the current and the preparations for the next UNDP Programming Cycle (2008 -2012), with possibility of extension if proven successful. The purpose of the umbrella project is to support the effective and efficient implementation of the UNDP Country Programme of Jordan. The overall objective of the umbrella allocation is to enable UNDP Jordan Country Office to provide enhanced support to the formulation and implementation of Nationally Executed Projects (NEX), which attainment will directly impact the operationalization of the National Agenda Implementation Work Plans hence contributing towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in Jordan.

The proposed areas of support are:

To enable UNDP supply for requested highly specialized technical expertise to projects that are providing macro level multi-sectoral and multi-dimensional support to the Government (such as Early Warning System and Support to the Department of Statistics). Priority will be given to support efforts in collecting, analyzing and compiling baseline data required for MDGs and the National Agenda Implementation Work Plans implementation, monitoring and progress reporting at the national and local levels.

To enable UNDP Country Office draw upon services of long term national expertise and Programme staff, to enhance the capacity of the Country Office at crucial Programme formulation and implementation phases to ensure quality aspect of its programme/project design, formulation and effective implementation.

To enable UNDP to respond to justified requests from the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation for policy level advice , beyond the scope of the current on-going UNDP projects, by using short-term high caliber expertise to carry out needed specific technical studies/researches and capacity building activities.

To enable UNDP to draw upon short term international and national expertise to conduct capacity assessments, technical assistance Programme identification and development that will contribute towards the formulation of the new Country Programme and the realization of its goals. Such services will be specifically needed to support:

- The formulation of UNDP Jordan new Country Programme Cycle (2008 – 2012). Since UNDP will be moving towards the Programme Approach instead of the current prevailing project approach, multi-sectoral expertise will be required to prepare for the key UNDP intervention areas within the framework of UNDAF.
- The formulation of indicators framework for the UNDP Jordan projects/programmes to be prepared under the new cycle as well as data collection mechanisms for effective monitoring of projects/programmes results/impacts. This is in line with the new Results Based Management methodology adopted by UNDP.
- The formulation of a new comprehensive National Execution Modality (NEX) manual in line with the new UNDP guidelines and the ATLAS work environment.
- The formulation of UNDP Resource Mobilization Strategy for the new Programming Cycle

To enable UNDP Country Office to carry out one Programme outcome level evaluation per year as recommended by the Assessment of Development Results mission carried out in June 2006 and to meet the requirements of UNDP Evaluation Office.

To enable UNDP to support local media capacities and enhance their role to promote Human Development policies, values, activities and achievements in Jordan.

To build the capacity of the UNDP Programme and national counterparts in issue related to planning, costing/budgeting, monitoring, evaluation, resource mobilization and mainstreaming gender and human rights into development.

UNDP 11888 Fund Inputs:

Short Term Experts Costs (US\$ 150,000): To cover the costs of services of short term international/national expertise.

Personnel Costs (US\$ 100,000): To cover the cost of long term personnel to improve the formulation, implementation and monitoring of the different projects supported by UNDP Country Office in Jordan.

Learning Costs (US\$ 30,000): To cover the costs of participation in capacity development workshops and seminars as well as missions to be undertaken by UNDP Programme staff and relevant national counterparts. Also to cover the costs of meetings and seminars on admin/finance and programme issues that would facilitate better programme/project implementation and delivery.

Awareness raising (US\$ 20,000): To cover the costs of awareness raising and media campaigns on Human Development activities and achievements in Jordan and support the capacity development of media personnel on development reporting.

Implementation Arrangements:

The Project will be Directly Executed (DEX) by UNDP. The recruitment and procurement of services will be conducted in accordance with UNDP's rules and regulations. UNDP will provide the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation with an annual progress report and semi annual expenditures statement, the Combined Delivery Report (CDR).